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Re: New U.S. Patent Appln. O

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a continuation application of  
International Application No. PCT/EP02/10707, filed September 24, 2002 of:

**Eberhard WEIHE and Martin K-H SCHAEFER**

entitled: **SCREENING PROCESS FOR VARIOUS INDICATIONS  
USING BNPI AND/OR DNPI**

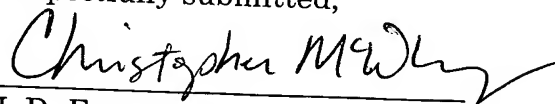
Enclosed are:

1. Specification, including 65 claims (pages 98), and 31 sheets of drawings.
2. Application Data Sheet
3. Priority is being claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and 37 C.F.R. §1.55 based on Priority Documents 101 47 006.1, filed on September 24, 2001. and 101 47 028.2, filed on September 25, 2001, both filed in Federal Republic of Germany.
4. Benefit is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of international application No. PCT/EP02/10707 filed September 24, 2002.
5. Statement Under 37 C.F.R. 1.821(f) with computer readable disc and a paper copy thereof.
6. The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

Basic Fee						
Total Claims	65	-	20	=	45	x \$385/770 = \$770.00
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Multiple Dependent Claim Presented						x \$43/86 = \$172.00
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